

Virginia Unemployment Claims Data Demographics

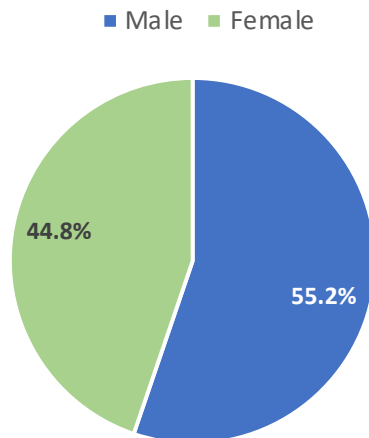
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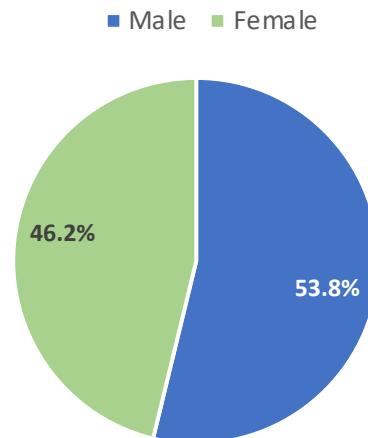
The week of December 13th – 19th marks the 40th week since the COVID-19 crisis began in the Commonwealth. There were 14,460 initial unemployment benefit claims this week, a 0.9% increase from the week before. The following analysis was completed using intrastate and interstate claims data, but not agent claims¹; therefore, the totals below will not match the state totals when aggregated.

The gender breakdown of initial claims has experienced two distinct phases during the COVID-19 crisis. During the first 14 weeks of the crisis, from the week ending March 21st until the week ending June 20th, female claimants accounted for 56.2% of all initial claims while males accounted for 43.8%. In the weeks that followed, however, male claimants have made up 53.8% of initial claims while females have made up 46.2%. The BLS estimates that 53.0% of Virginia's workforce is male while 47.0% is female. This leads us to believe that female workers were more negatively affected by the crisis for the first 14 weeks; however, the disparity has shrunk over the 25 weeks that have followed.

12/13 - 12/19 Claims by Gender



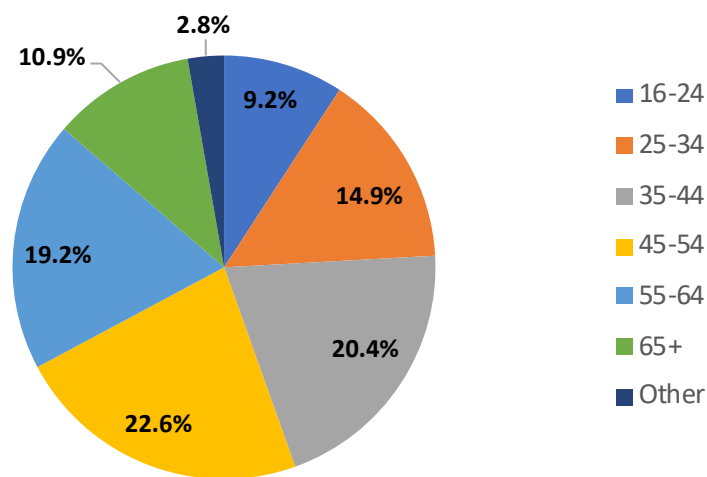
12/6 - 12/12 Claims by Gender



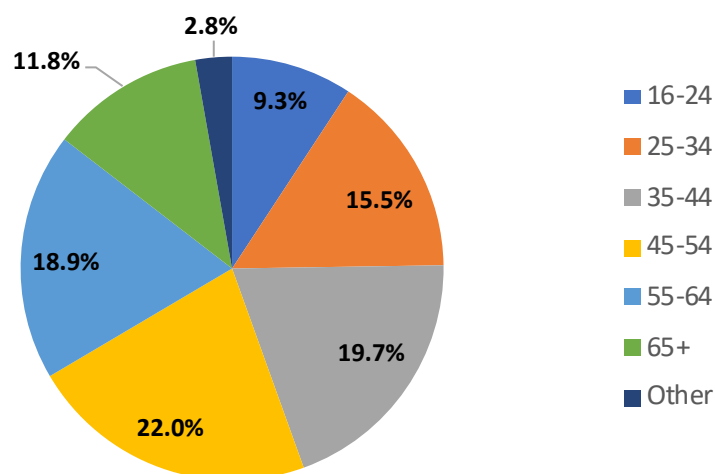
¹ When a participant is enrolled, they might receive benefits from a different location than that which is providing them with assistance. Those intermediary claims are considered agent claims.

To analyze the age of initial claimants we first break them up into age cohorts. Since the beginning of the crisis workers in the first two cohorts, ages 16-24 and 25-34, have accounted for the largest amount of initial unemployment benefit claims. Workers in these two cohorts have filed roughly 43.5% of all initial claims since the week ending March 21st. For comparison, workers in the next two cohorts, ages 35-44 and 45-54, have made up 35.3% of initial filings during the same time period. According to a BLS survey of the Virginia workforce, 33.8% of workers are between the ages of 16 and 34 and 41.0% of workers are between the ages of 35 and 54. This disparity between the BLS estimates and the age breakdown of claims leads us to believe that younger workers have been more negatively impacted by the COVID-19 crisis than older workers.

12/13 - 12/19 Claims by Age



12/6 - 12/12 Claims by Age



The locality with the most initial unemployment claims this week was Fairfax County which saw 1,000 initial filings. Virginia Beach City and Norfolk City followed with 850 and 728 initial claims respectively. Of the 133 counties and independent cities in the Commonwealth, 79 localities saw a decrease, or no change, in the number of filings this week compared to the week before. The locality with the largest decrease was Prince William County which had 101 fewer initial claims compared to the previous week.

Initial Claims for Unemployment Insurance: County or Independent City				
County/City	Number of Claims	Change from the previous week	Percentage of Initial Claims	Claims as a percentage of labor force
Accomack County	136	18	0.67%	0.82%
Albemarle County	65	-17	0.32%	0.11%
Alexandria City	172	-65	0.85%	0.17%
Alleghany County	7	-2	0.03%	0.10%
Amelia County	12	2	0.06%	0.19%
Amherst County	29	-8	0.14%	0.19%
Appomattox County	9	-4	0.04%	0.12%
Arlington County	175	-31	0.86%	0.11%
Augusta County	62	-5	0.31%	0.16%
Bath County	9	1	0.04%	0.35%
Bedford County	82	18	0.40%	0.21%
Bland County	11	6	0.05%	0.39%
Botetourt County	21	-1	0.10%	0.12%
Bristol City	33	6	0.16%	0.45%
Brunswick County	24	11	0.12%	0.40%
Buchanan County	22	-5	0.11%	0.32%
Buckingham County	15	-6	0.07%	0.23%
Buena Vista City	9	2	0.04%	0.24%
Campbell County	36	-13	0.18%	0.14%
Caroline County	16	-9	0.08%	0.10%
Carroll County	32	-21	0.16%	0.24%
Charles City County	6	-2	0.03%	0.16%
Charlotte County	12	-3	0.06%	0.23%
Charlottesville City	50	-6	0.25%	0.19%
Chesapeake City	376	21	1.85%	0.30%
Chesterfield County	376	-54	1.85%	0.20%
Clarke County	46	30	0.23%	0.60%
Colonial Heights City	35	13	0.17%	0.39%
Covington City	24	15	0.12%	0.98%
Craig County	3	-1	0.01%	0.13%
Culpeper County	46	-17	0.23%	0.18%
Cumberland County	7	-1	0.03%	0.15%

Initial Claims for Unemployment Insurance: County or Independent City				
County/City	Number of Claims	Change from the previous week	Percentage of Initial Claims	Claims as a percentage of labor force
Danville City	81	-4	0.40%	0.42%
Dickenson County	18	4	0.09%	0.37%
Dinwiddie County	12	-2	0.06%	0.09%
Emporia City	10	8	0.05%	0.44%
Essex County	14	4	0.07%	0.25%
Fairfax City	5	-7	0.02%	0.04%
Fairfax County	1,000	-22	4.93%	0.15%
Falls Church City	14	-7	0.07%	0.16%
Fauquier County	40	-26	0.20%	0.11%
Floyd County	22	4	0.11%	0.27%
Fluvanna County	16	-1	0.08%	0.11%
Franklin City	23	7	0.11%	0.64%
Franklin County	43	-13	0.21%	0.16%
Frederick County	55	-10	0.27%	0.11%
Fredericksburg City	98	33	0.48%	0.68%
Galax City	5	-1	0.02%	0.17%
Giles County	17	-1	0.08%	0.22%
Gloucester County	31	6	0.15%	0.16%
Goochland County	45	26	0.22%	0.39%
Grayson County	17	-2	0.08%	0.21%
Greene County	14	-5	0.07%	0.13%
Greensville County	15	-24	0.07%	0.35%
Halifax County	42	16	0.21%	0.27%
Hampton City	210	6	1.03%	0.32%
Hanover County	183	23	0.90%	0.30%
Harrisonburg City	63	16	0.31%	0.25%
Henrico County	416	-42	2.05%	0.22%
Henry County	74	14	0.36%	0.31%
Highland County	1	-2	0.00%	0.08%
Hopewell City	55	8	0.27%	0.56%
Isle of Wight County	12	-6	0.06%	0.06%
James City County	71	-5	0.35%	0.19%
King and Queen County	7	7	0.03%	0.18%
King George County	36	-1	0.18%	0.26%
King William County	10	-1	0.05%	0.11%
Lancaster County	22	-9	0.11%	0.40%
Lee County	25	5	0.12%	0.30%
Lexington City	1	0	0.00%	0.05%
Loudoun County	280	6	1.38%	0.12%
Louisa County	20	-5	0.10%	0.10%

Initial Claims for Unemployment Insurance: County or Independent City				
County/City	Number of Claims	Change from the previous week	Percentage of Initial Claims	Claims as a percentage of labor force
Lunenburg County	8	-1	0.04%	0.15%
Lynchburg City	115	0	0.57%	0.32%
Madison County	12	-4	0.06%	0.16%
Manassas City	69	-7	0.34%	0.31%
Manassas Park City	0	-2	0.00%	0.00%
Martinsville City	9	2	0.04%	0.16%
Mathews County	21	8	0.10%	0.50%
Mecklenburg County	34	-51	0.17%	0.27%
Middlesex County	8	-14	0.04%	0.15%
Montgomery County	80	-15	0.39%	0.16%
Nelson County	24	1	0.12%	0.33%
New Kent County	21	7	0.10%	0.17%
Newport News City	274	21	1.35%	0.32%
Norfolk City	728	163	3.59%	0.67%
Northampton County	25	-6	0.12%	0.49%
Northumberland County	12	-2	0.06%	0.22%
Norton City	8	-1	0.04%	0.50%
Nottoway County	45	7	0.22%	0.63%
Orange County	37	-2	0.18%	0.22%
Page County	27	-13	0.13%	0.24%
Patrick County	11	4	0.05%	0.16%
Petersburg City	138	45	0.68%	1.10%
Pittsylvania County	55	3	0.27%	0.19%
Poquoson City	11	-2	0.05%	0.18%
Portsmouth City	267	-21	1.32%	0.62%
Powhatan County	41	26	0.20%	0.29%
Prince Edward County	92	47	0.45%	0.94%
Prince George County	18	6	0.09%	0.12%
Prince William County	675	-101	3.33%	0.28%
Pulaski County	49	8	0.24%	0.32%
Radford City	14	-5	0.07%	0.17%
Rappahannock County	6	-2	0.03%	0.16%
Richmond City	625	33	3.08%	0.54%
Richmond County	9	-1	0.04%	0.23%
Roanoke City	138	-4	0.68%	0.29%
Roanoke County	78	-5	0.38%	0.16%
Rockbridge County	22	-6	0.11%	0.21%
Rockingham County	75	17	0.37%	0.18%
Russell County	27	4	0.13%	0.25%
Salem City	45	-17	0.22%	0.35%

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County/City	Number of Claims	Change from the previous week	Percentage of Initial Claims	Claims as a percentage of labor force
Scott County	18	1	0.09%	0.20%
Shenandoah County	48	-5	0.24%	0.22%
Smyth County	57	20	0.28%	0.43%
Southampton County	58	31	0.29%	0.65%
Spotsylvania County	97	-24	0.48%	0.15%
Stafford County	109	-52	0.54%	0.15%
Staunton City	35	6	0.17%	0.29%
Suffolk City	145	-18	0.71%	0.33%
Surry County	6	-17	0.03%	0.17%
Sussex County	3	-12	0.01%	0.08%
Tazewell County	34	-1	0.17%	0.23%
Virginia Beach City	850	-13	4.19%	0.37%
Warren County	47	10	0.23%	0.23%
Washington County	41	-12	0.20%	0.16%
Waynesboro City	30	-8	0.15%	0.28%
Westmoreland County	32	1	0.16%	0.35%
Williamsburg City	6	-6	0.03%	0.09%
Winchester City	36	-1	0.18%	0.25%
Wise County	35	1	0.17%	0.28%
Wythe County	65	18	0.32%	0.49%
York County	30	-2	0.15%	0.09%
Other	9,481	1,950	46.71%	N/A

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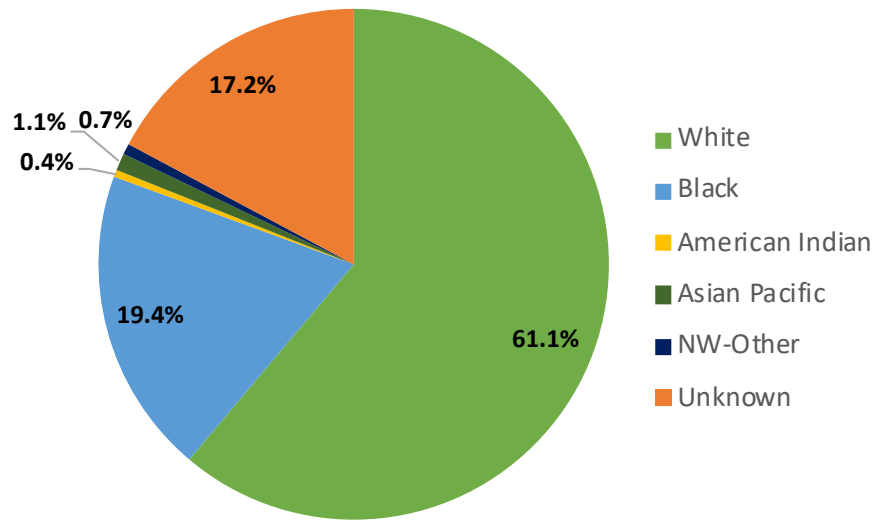
Initial Claims for Unemployment Insurance: Major SOC Code			
SOC Code	Number of Claims	Change from the previous week	Percentage of Initial Claims
11-0000	3,075	457	15.15%
13-0000	930	-14	4.58%
15-0000	271	-53	1.34%
17-0000	509	-76	2.51%
19-0000	80	13	0.39%
21-0000	89	2	0.44%
23-0000	70	-9	0.34%
25-0000	199	-27	0.98%
27-0000	1,138	298	5.61%
29-0000	389	-53	1.92%
31-0000	309	19	1.52%
33-0000	204	66	1.01%
35-0000	1,242	84	6.12%
37-0000	476	-6	2.35%
39-0000	1,661	24	8.18%
41-0000	3,119	476	15.37%
43-0000	1,500	-148	7.39%
45-0000	62	13	0.31%
47-0000	1,373	493	6.76%
49-0000	450	-37	2.22%
51-0000	877	89	4.32%
53-0000	1,331	153	6.56%
55-0000	8	-10	0.04%
Unknown	936	103	4.61%

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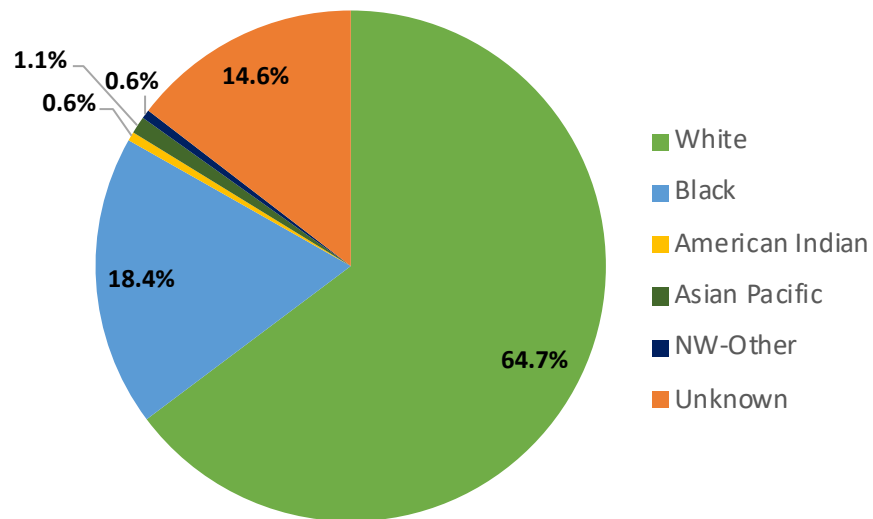
Initial Claims for Unemployment Insurance: Citizenship Status				
Citizenship Status	Number of Claims	Change from the previous week	Percentage of Initial Claims	Percentage of Population (ACS)
Citizen	19,995	1,837	98.51%	94.23%
Non-citizen	303	20	1.49%	5.77%

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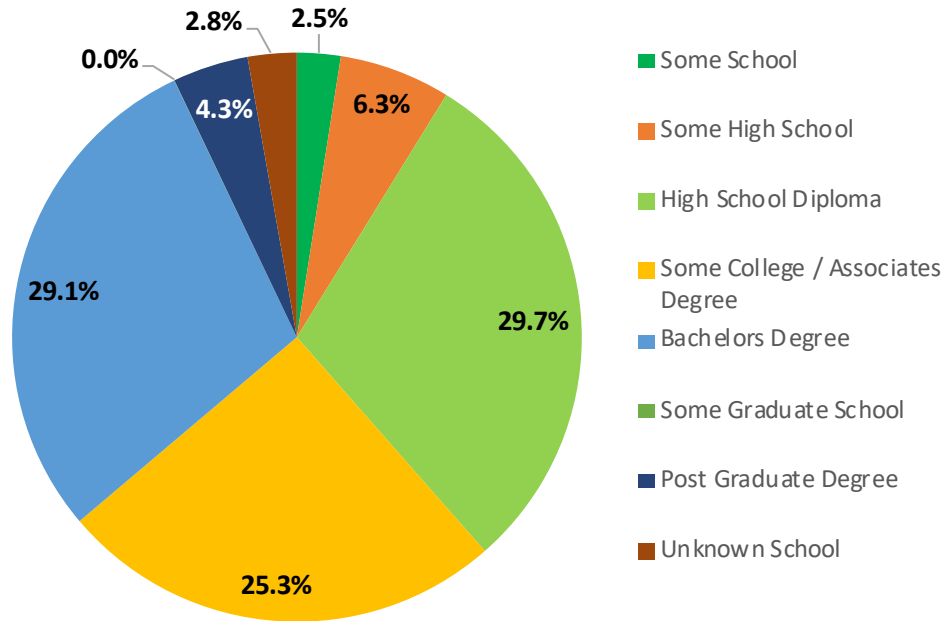
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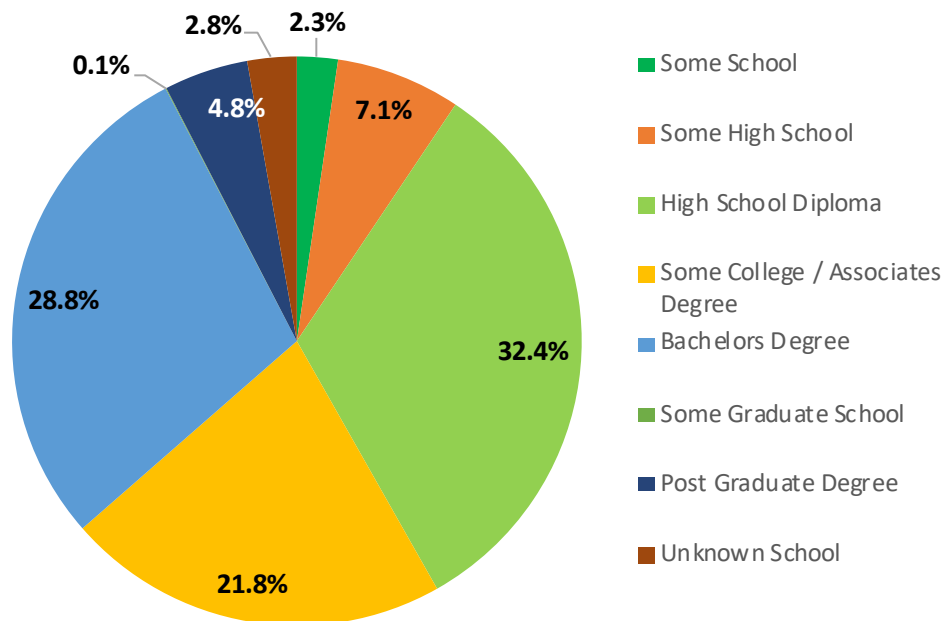
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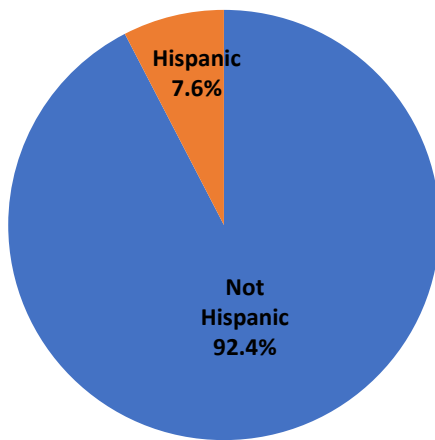
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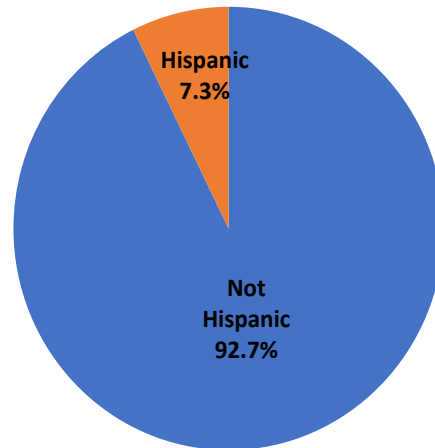
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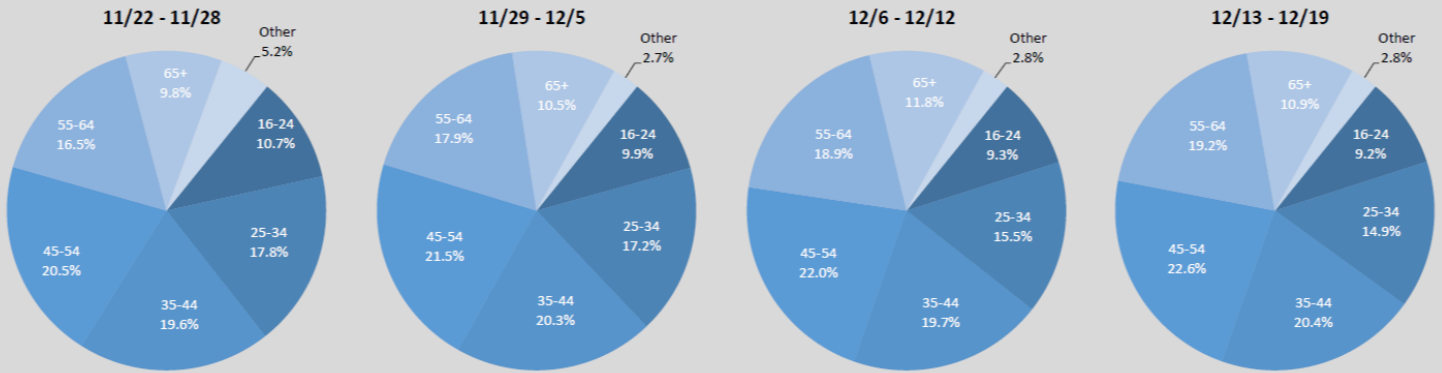
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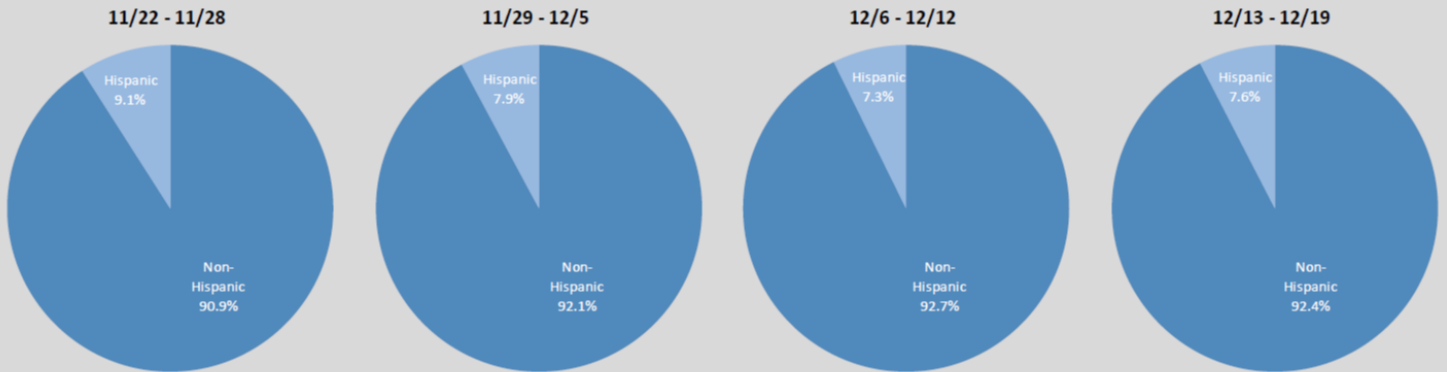


Virginia Initial Claims for Unemployment Insurance: Age



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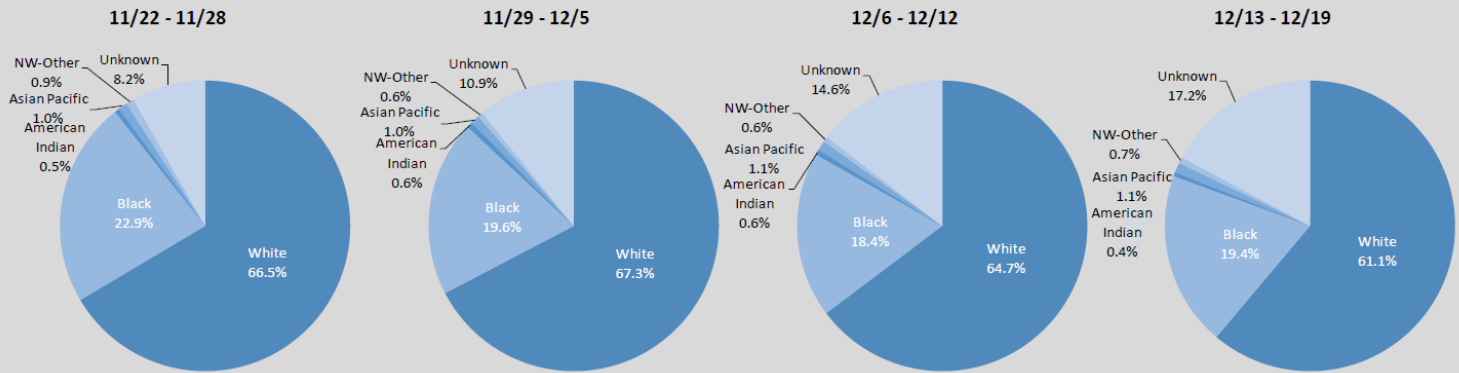
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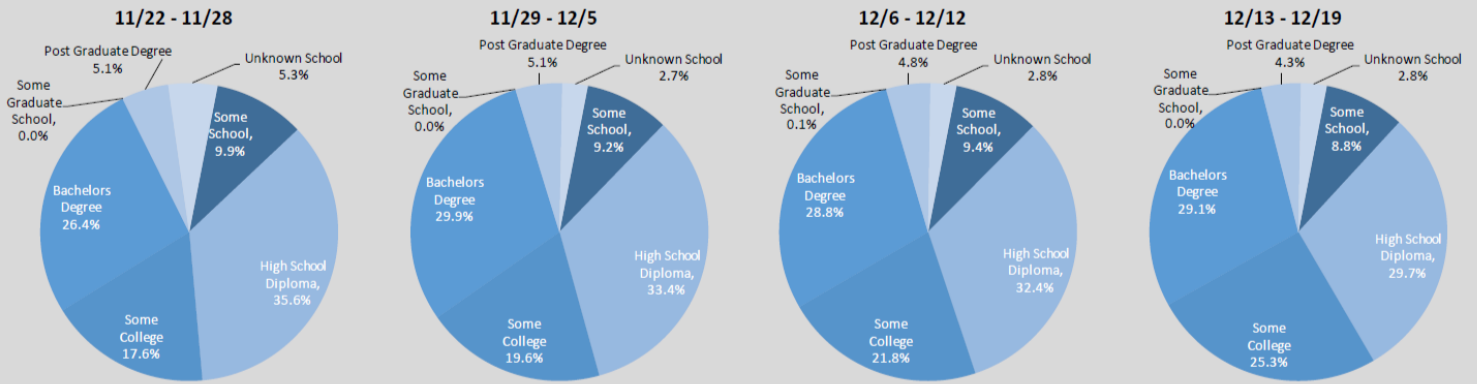
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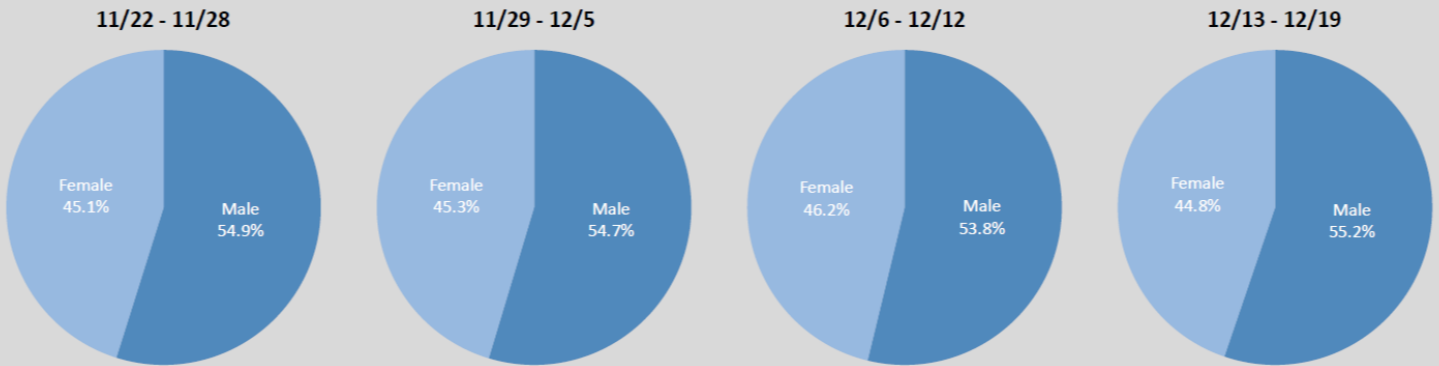
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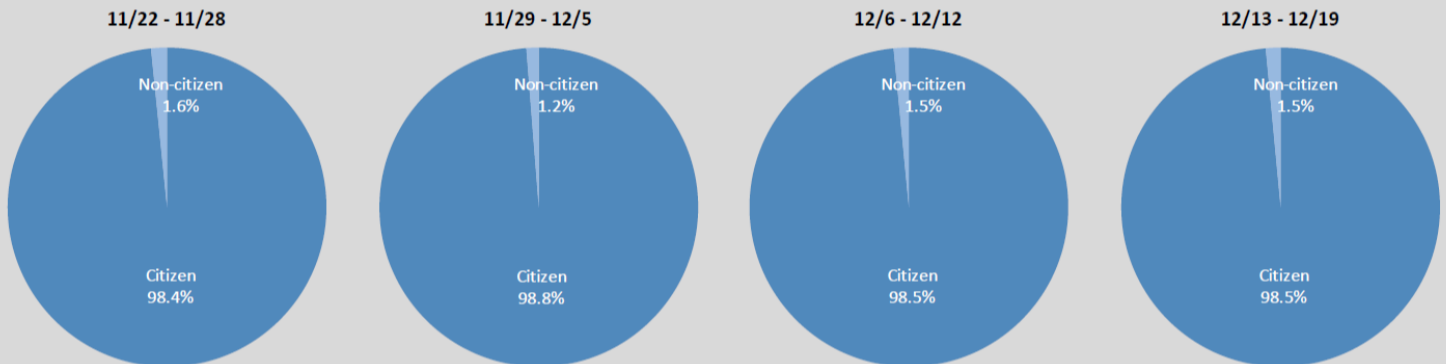
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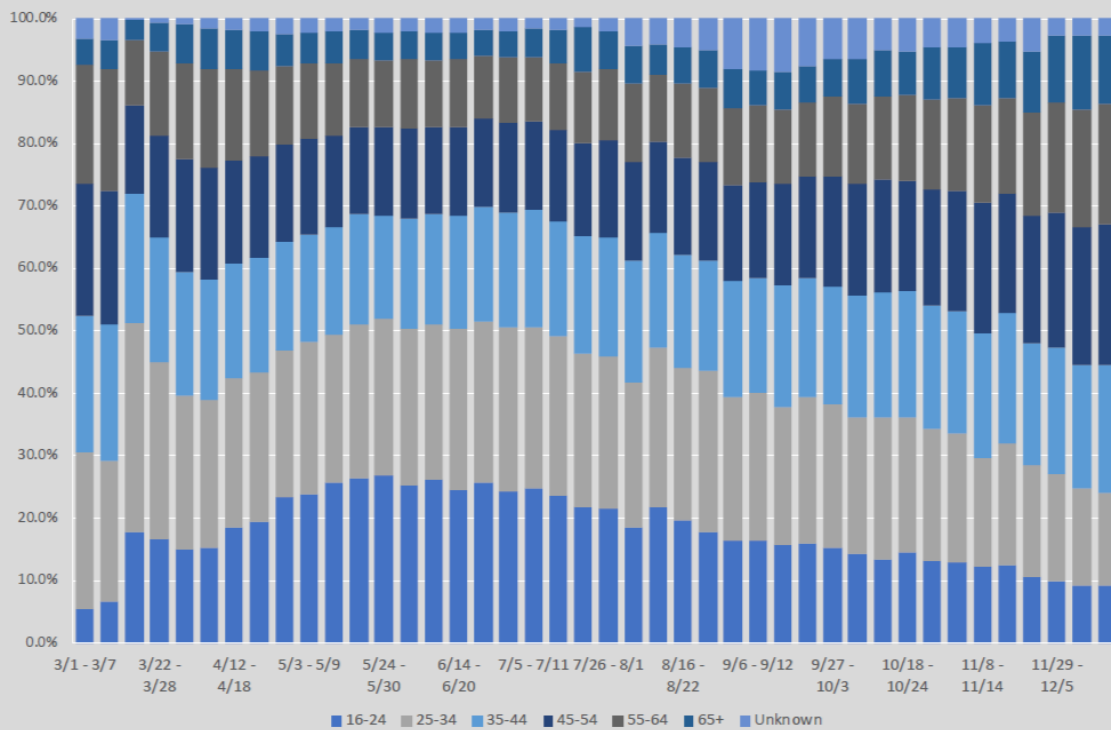
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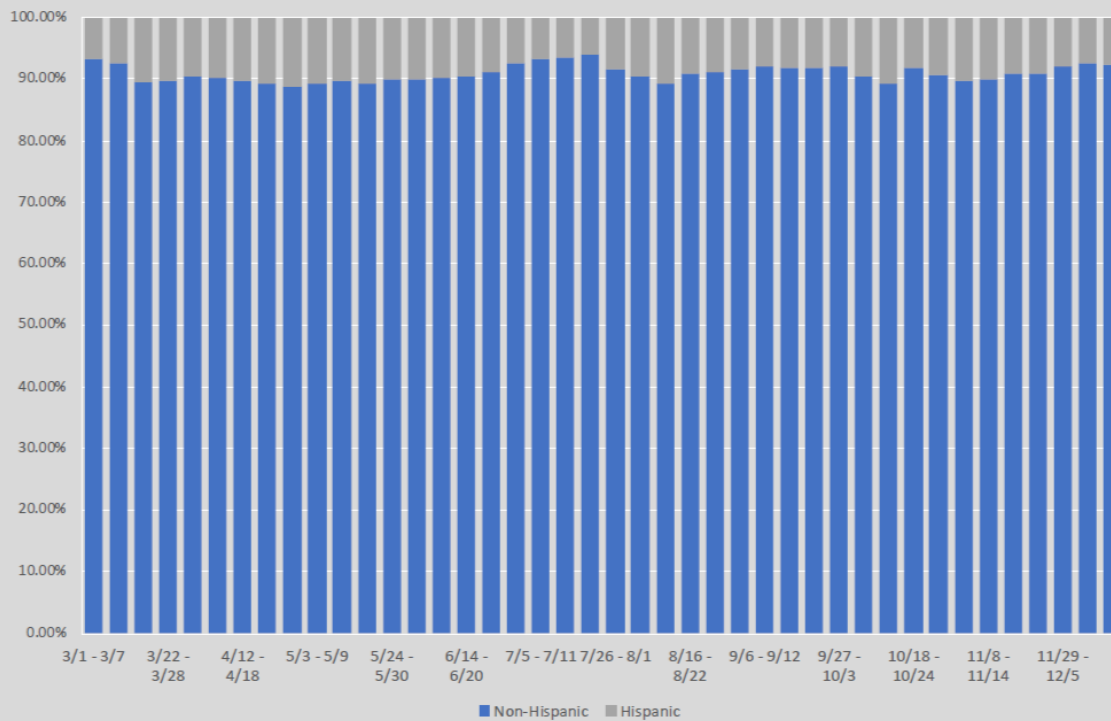
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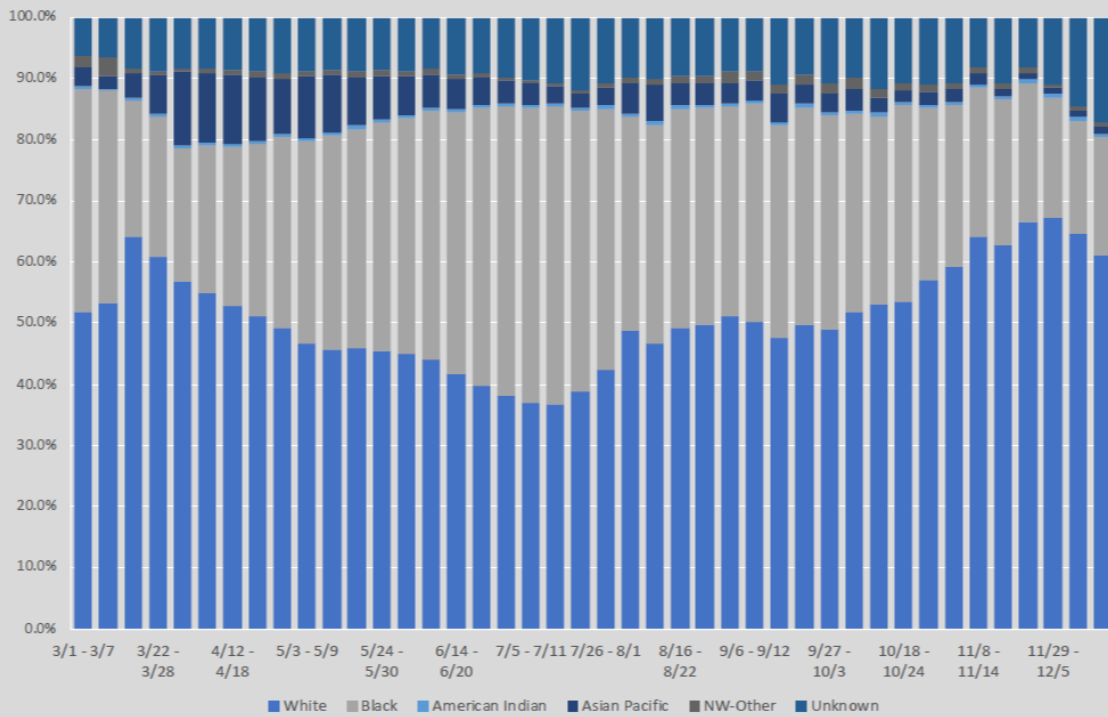
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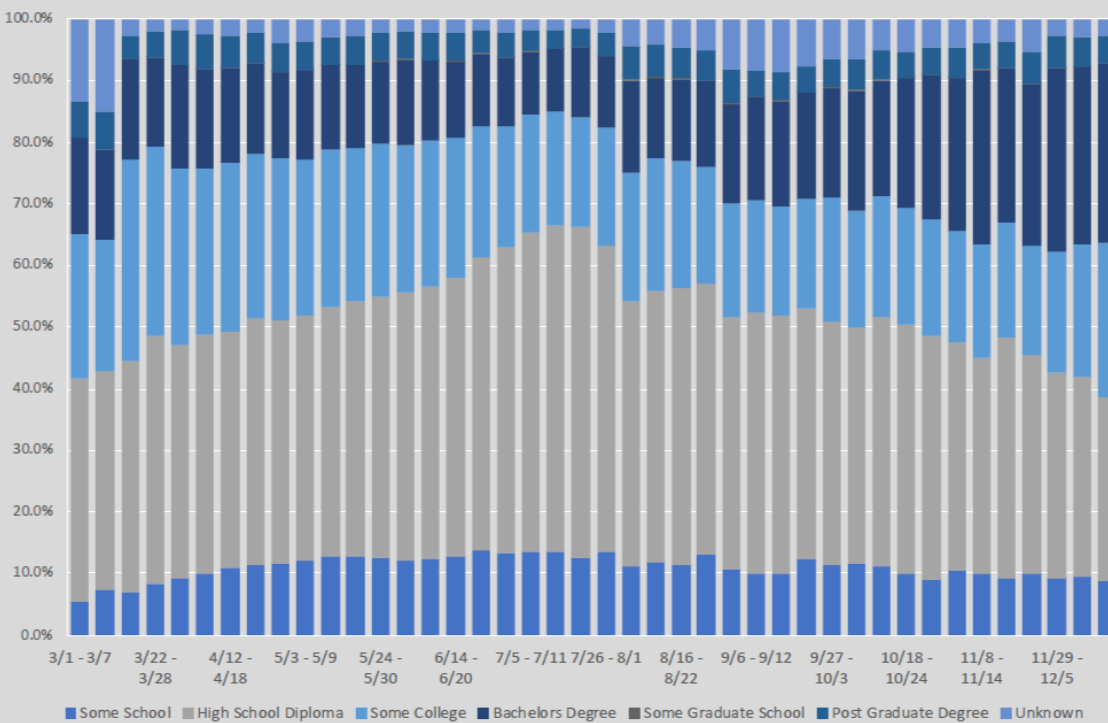
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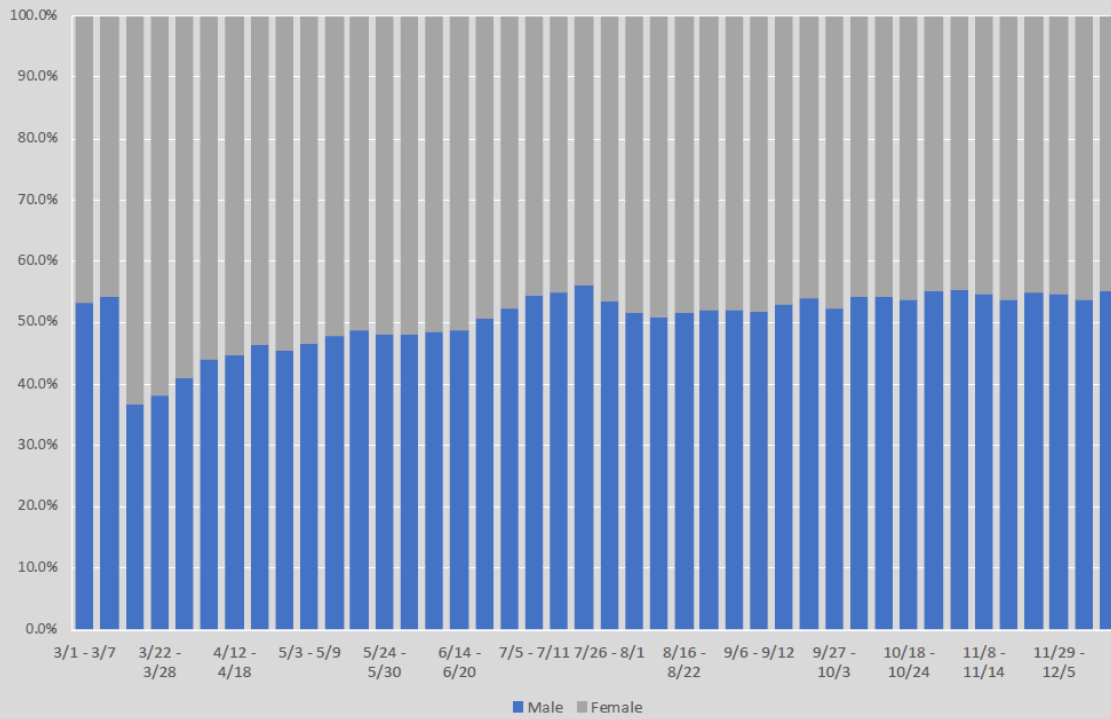
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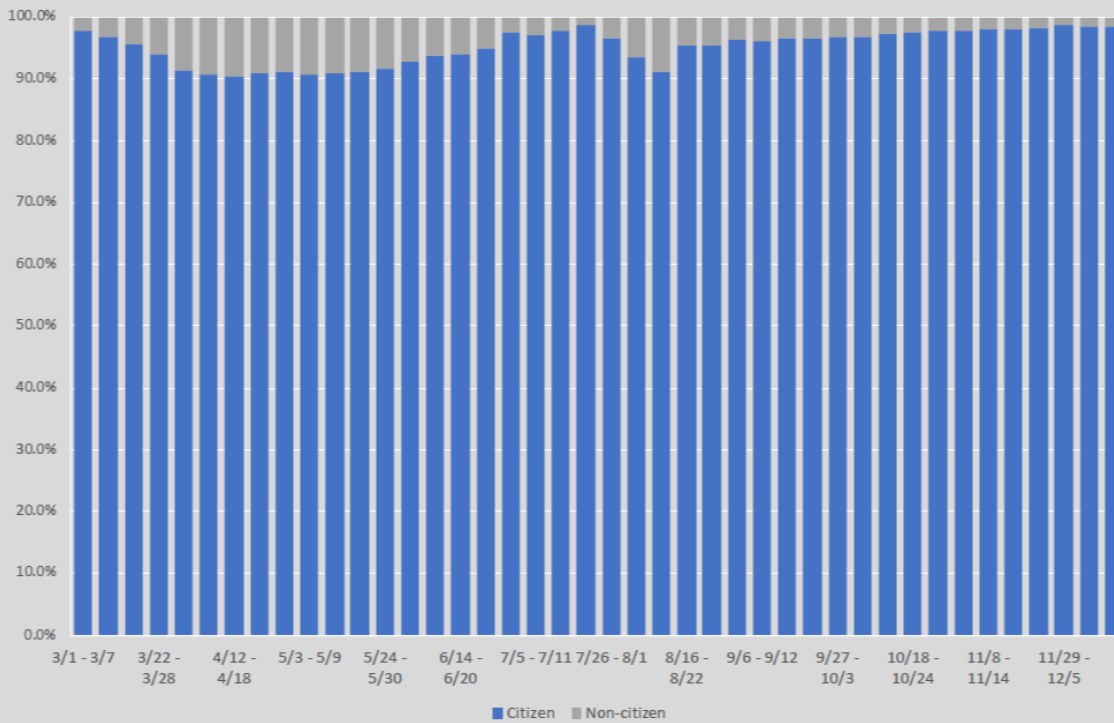
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